

Tom's Plant List for Slopes

Botanical Name

Common Name

Beschorneria yuccoides (Bess -core- nair-ia)

A Mexican yucca-like plant, which forms a clump of spineless rosettes of glaucous foliage about two and a half feet across and tall. In the spring and summer a large 6' tall pink stalk shoots up, branching at the top, with hundreds of pink and green bell-like flowers. Easy to grow, likes full sun and good drainage. Needs about a year in the ground to bloom, and unlike an *agave*, the mother plant doesn't die after flowering. As the clump grows in

Cotoneaster lacteus (Syn. - C. parneyi)

Parney Cotoneaster

A very easy, drought tolerant shrub or small tree to about 10 feet, with a orange-red berries in the fall. Tolerant of a wide range of growing conditions. Branches arch gracefully, and pruning should show off this feature. Will grow in sun or shade, dry or wet, sandy or clay. The berries provide a food source for birds.

Erigeron karvinskianus

Santa Barbara Daisy

Native ground cover daisy. Drought tolerant with small white daisy flowers all year. Cut to ground when plant becomes overgrown. Possible the easiest plant to grow. Can re-seed. Likes sun. Will also spill down a wall.

Lantana montevidensis

Lantana montevidensis is a common purple groundcover with small purple flowers year round. It likes full sun, is not picky about soil, and is drought tolerant once established. Maintenance is easy, just cut a little all the time or cut back to the ground in the summer when the plant gets too thick. If done while it's hot, they come back fast. A white form exists called L. m. 'White Lightning'. If grown very dry, the plant will stay very low to ground,

Leptospermum horizontalis

Spreading Tea Tree

Sprawling evergreen shrub 3' tall and 15' wide, from Australia. Dark green small foliage is offset by small white flowers in the summer and fall. Relatively fast growing. Water well the first year, once established very drought tolerant. Grows best in full sun with good drainage.

Leptospermum laevigatum

An evergreen Australian shrub which grows 15' to 30' tall and wide. Small rounded gray-green foliage is offset by small white flowers in the summer and fall. Relatively fast growing. Water well the first year, once established very drought tolerant. Grows best in full sun with good drainage. The branch structure becomes gnarled with age. Laces beautifully, great when up lit at night.

Senecio mandraliscae

Blue Chalk Plant

A South African succulent ground cover, which grows about 8" tall with fat blue cylindrical stems. Grows best in the full sun. Very easy to grow, can be striking when planted in mass. Can be grown from cuttings directly stuck in the ground. The small cream daisy flower clusters are not showy.

Rosmarinus officinalis 'Tuscan Blue'

Upright Rosemary

An upright rosemary to 5' tall. Medium blue flowers in the spring and summer. Very cold hardy and drought tolerant. Leaves and stems are used as a seasoning. Can be laced and opened up or sheared into shapes. Grows best in the full sun. A great living Christmas tree for San Diego, can stay in container many years.
